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It is with deep regret that Yolo Superior Court announces the recent passing of Judge Kathleen M. White, who served as a judge for 15 years before her retirement in 2018 due to illness. Judge White was well respected by her colleagues and those appearing before her. Her knowledge and experience in a vast variety of case types including complex civil, criminal, juvenile and family law were legendary. Her dedication to serve, sharp legal mind, and inquisitive approach to the law were self-evident to all that knew her.

Judge White also served on many local and statewide committees, spoke on judicial education and court administration issues, and wrote frequently for professional publications. As the chair of the design committee for the “new” courthouse, Judge White was very involved in the design of both the exterior and interior of the current courthouse, that was completed in 2015. As noted by former Presiding Judges Steven Basha and Janet Gaard, “it is only fitting that the commemorative stone at the entrance of the Courthouse recognizes her service at the time of the courthouse dedication.”

Judge White also had a wide variety of interests and talents outside of the courtroom. She was a superb violinist, a skilled linguist, and a loving wife and mother. She was also well known for her knitting and helped spread her passion for knitting among court staff. It was the lucky person who received a Judge White creation.

“Judge White was a person of extraordinary talents, and she will be missed greatly by the entire courthouse community. Her intelligence, humor, and energy were truly one of a kind” said current Presiding Judge Daniel Maguire.